"I may be compelled to face danger, but never fear it, and while our soldiers can stand and fight, I can stand and feed and nurse them." – Clara Barton

Civil War Battlefield Nurse

Clara Barton earned fame as the first woman to serve as a nurse on the front lines of a battlefield. This living-history program brings to life the story of Barton's wartime work, including her decision to provide care for soldiers and her experiences working at battlefield hospitals. Her stories – funny, poignant, and sometimes heartbreaking – reveal the medical conditions of Civil War soldiers and the courage required for a woman to defy conventions during a national crisis.



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